

the intent of the amendment in the first place but...and I am happy to have that language written in there that it makes absolutely clear that you don't get these courses out of their logical sequence. So this is strictly an efficiency measure for small schools and I would ask that this amendment be adopted.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, this amendment as offered by Senator Lamb is, as he indicated, is a very similar amendment to one that offered a week or so ago, but there are some major changes in this amendment. And, as pointed out by Senator Lamb, the language written in there that indicates that it is for "non-sequential curricula", I think meets an awful lot of the objections that I objected to last time because I was concerned as the amendment was drafted, even though I know that was not Senator Lamb's intention. Even though I know it was not the intention of a lot of the people who plan on using this, I also understand what happens sometimes in local schools. So I was concerned about what could result as a result of that. I am also understanding that the need for this is great in a lot of the small schools across this state. Senator Lamb says this is for small schools and I am sure that is probably the ones that will use it. However, it could be used by any school if there was any reason for them to do so. The bottom line is that as Senator Lamb offers the amendment today, I have no objection to it. I think it is the legitimate thing to. I do believe that it would have been better had the Legislature not have to put this sort of language in the statutes. I think it would have been better had the rules and regulations been adopted that would have allowed this sort of thing and I think that is a possibility that it could have been handled that way. But since that has not happened up to this point and since there is a number of schools that have a concern about it, and I might point out to you, the schools that really have the concern, and that is the reason Senator Lamb says it is going to be used by the small schools, are those schools that have a difficult time meeting the 390 credit hours simply because they don't have the students. They don't have the numbers of students able to spread across enough curricula to get that 390 credit hours. So I would support Senator Lamb with this amendment. I would hope that you would adopt it. Thank you, Mr. President.